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## Arnold Water Tower Receives Needed Repair

Shown above is a crewman from Maguire Iron, who is in the process of removing the center riser pipe insulation and jacket, in order to see where the center riser pipe on the water tower is leaking. Village Superintendent Scott Winfield noticed excessive ice on the riser pipe during the first week of January, during the cold spell. After removing the insulation and jacket, the riser pipe was found to be in need of emergency replacement, at a cost of \$22,000.00, for the pipe. In October, Maguire Iron cleaned, inspected and disinfected the water tower and Maguire Iron was contracted to sandblast and epoxy the interior, remove the spider rods and hub and replace the center riser pipe insulation and jacket at the village's December board meeting. The cost of these other much-needed repairs is nearly \$38,000.00.

## School Board Accepts Recommendation of Mascot for Arnold/Callaway Sports Program

By Janet Larreau

The Arnold Cardinals and the Callaway Bears will merge in 2010-2011 to become the South Loup Bobcats (SLB). Their colors will be royal blue, black and silver.

The Arnold/Callaway sports co-op board met on December 16, choosing from six designs and colors submitted by students from both schools. Mascots to consider were: Grizzlies, Timberwolves, Rattlers, Bobcats, Spartans and A/C Chargers. After a vote, the co-op board made its recommendation of Bobcats to both school boards. On January 11, at their regular board meeting, Arnold School Board members accepted the recommendation, even though some said they still liked the A/C Chargers. The next step will be finding an illustration that all will be happy with.

Superintendent Bob Brown said during the meeting that with everything that will need to be done, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out the co-op will be costly.

New uniforms will need to be purchased for each sport and there will be painting of the new school colors in the gymnasium, on mats, chairs, and possibly the bleachers. The question of whether or not to refurbish aging football helmets for around \$70.00 each or buy new for some \$200.00 was brought up. Face masks will definitely need to be purchased at a separate cost.

### Cheerleading Program

Arnold cheerleading coach Tammy Weinman and several cheerleaders attended the meeting with concerns that the cheerleading program was

not on the January agenda. Earlier, it was indicated that both schools would vote on whether or not to continue the cheerleading program, based on the co-op board's recommendation, at their January meetings.

Brown said the Arnold and Callaway boards planned to wait until February to make their decision, but he felt it was the co-op board's intent to recommend the cheerleading program be continued and the Arnold School Board would back that decision.

Weinman said cheerleaders need to sign up for camps by February. She also said that Callaway School pays their cheerleading coach and pays for a portion of the uniforms, and feels that both schools should have the same policy, whether it be providing financial support or not.

Board member Diana Coleman suggested that the school should help the cheer-

leaders financially. Board member Duane Bowers recommended that the school do what it has done in the past, and Jerry Cool reminded everyone that funds are tight.

Senior cheerleader Shandell Gunther spoke to the board, saying that the cheerleaders raise over \$600.00 for Homecoming and people are picking up second jobs to pay for cheerleading.

"We do provide a lot for our school. We promote positive attitudes," she said. "We involve everybody. We need a little bit more support from our school."

Weinman added that she paid for her coaching endorsement on her own.

"We're not asking for a lot, just a little bit," she said.

At the end of the discussion, board members were in agreement that the cheerleading program would most likely

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## Arnold/Callaway Football Moves to D1-10 Next Fall

Arnold/Callaway will move from D1-9 to D1-10 in football beginning next fall. The new district groupings, released by the Nebraska School Activities Association, will mean more travel to distant locations. District teams that A/C will play include Crawford, Garden County, Hemingford, Maxwell and Sandhills/Thedford.

Principal Mike Harvey said last week that the full schedule will be released to activity directors on February 6 and officials will be hired at that time. There will be some lag time before schedules are released to the media and the

public.

Eight football games will be played, and Arnold and Callaway ADs have put in a wish list of four teams to play, including S-E-M and Ansley. The ADs have already asked that football and volleyball be played at those locations on the same night. They will also try to schedule football and volleyball games the same night in district pairings that are closer to home.

"We really thought we'd be a little closer, that we'd play east," said Harvey. "Going that far makes it really difficult."

## Filing Deadlines Near for School Board Positions

Three seats on the Arnold School Board will be up for election in 2010. The terms of Gary Blevins, Jerry Cool and Kathleen Schweitzer will expire.

Incumbents have until February 16 to file for re-election, and non-incumbents have until March 1.

Custer County Clerk Conni Gracey reminds everyone that in the case of school board elections, if over two times the number of people up for election file by the deadline, that number will be eliminated down to six (twice the number up for election) in the May Primary election. The three positions will then be filled in the November General election.

Arnold Hospital Board incumbents need to re-file by February 16, and non-incumbents by March 1. The terms of Bruce McConnell, Dennis Beatty and Geraldine Webb will expire.

Three positions will be up on the Arnold Village Board of Trustees. The terms of Connelley Barton, Ted Bubak

and Karin Moore will expire. Incumbents have until July 15 to re-file, and non-incumbents have until August 2. The Village Board filing fee is \$10.00 and is paid to the Arnold Village Clerk. The receipt is required when filing with the County Clerk.

Incumbents for Arnold Township also have until July 15 to re-file. Non-incumbents have until August 2. The terms of Blaine Hagler, Elvin Kilmer and Lindy Smith will expire.

Candidates can stop in at the Clerk's office to file, or call for a form to be sent out, notarized and returned.

## Golf Assoc. Membership Meeting Feb. 1

Arnold Golf Association will hold their General Membership meeting, February 1, at 7:00 p.m., at the Arnold Community Center. The public is encouraged to attend to discuss 2010 items and the election of three board members.

## Finch Library Celebrating 95th Anniversary

Finch Memorial Library will celebrate their 95th anniversary in 2010, and a number of special events are planned throughout the year.

The celebration will begin with an open house afternoon

on Tuesday, January 29. Coffee, punch and cookies will be served during the afternoon, and there will be a drawing for a prize. Everyone is invited to come and help celebrate.

## Chamber Appreciation Supper January 31

Chamber will hold their free Appreciation Soup Supper with the community as guests on Sunday, January 31, with serving from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be entertainment after the supper, and a silent auction will be held to benefit the Rialto Theatre pro-

jector fund.

If you would like to furnish a dessert for the supper, contact Dena Mills. Items for the silent auction would be appreciated, and if you would let Becky Dailey know, it would give Chamber an opportunity to list the items.

## Residents Raise Concerns at Village Board Meeting

By Kendra Veirs

In the absence of chairperson Karin Moore, Connelley Barton called the regular village board meeting to order on January 11.

During the comments from the floor portion of the meeting, one resident brought up the subject of the community center cleanliness.

The resident was in the community center in December and the walkways had drifted back shut with snow and had not been scraped; there were spills in the kitchen; the toilets were dirty; the bathroom hadn't been cleaned; there were numerous cob webs with dead flies; and the floors were dirty.

"With such a nice facility, we can't let it be destroyed," the person stated. "We have people working hard to keep up this wonderful community."

The resident spoke about a dirty school the person was in once and how it made you not want to go back. You don't want people coming to Arnold, seeing that and feeling the same way.

Other residents brought up an issue with mold. Some of the nice, round, plastic tables have developed yellow and black mold that Clorox® water would not clean up.

"The tables are nice and can't be cheap," one resident said. "Something better be done now so they don't all get ruined."

Another resident asked several questions, including, "Is there someone hired once-a-week, once-a-day to keep care of the community center?" and "I have heard that the floor has to be specially treated or it will get ruined. Is that true?"

One resident suggested rental fees should strictly go

toward the upkeep of the community center.

Both the board and Village Superintendent Scott Winfield stated that they had "No Comment" on the issue.

Barton reminded everyone that no action can be taken if the item is not on the agenda. Board member Ted Bubak suggested to put it on the agenda for the February meeting.

### Arnold Recreation Area

District 43 senator Deb Fischer presented the board a bill she would like to submit to the legislature early in the session.

The bill transfers ownership of the state park to the village. The bill itself is very simple - a legal description and one paragraph.

Arnold will maintain ownership as long as it is continued as a recreational area. If it is not economically working, Arnold can turn it back to the Nebraska Games and Parks and it would become a minimum maintenance area.

Residents brought up the extra cost of maintaining something else, after the community center problem had been brought up; the noxious weed problem; and if the village makes improvements, what would happen if the state would take it over.

Winfield said after leasing it last year, the revenue brought in breaks even with the costs of mowing, etc.

If Arnold does not take it over, the alternative is to have an overgrown place that no one can utilize.

As soon as the bill is introduced to the legislature a group of Arnold people will travel to Lincoln to testify.

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